

Application of Nouri E. Hakim

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### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following amended paragraph:

[0062] In a further embodiment, both openings are X-shaped, with one opening larger than the other. A 7 mm opening (the length from end to end of each crossbar of the "X") can be used for the fast side, and a 6 mm opening for the slow side. Likewise, the drinking apparatus can include a cross-bar (an X-shaped bar) in contact with the flexible material, as shown for example, in Figure 7.